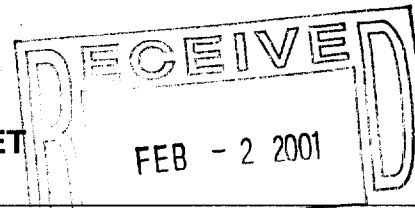


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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Ricardo C. Sasso, hereinafter referred to as Assignor, whose address is 9436 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46260, has made a new and useful invention entitled **SPINE FIXATION INSTRUMENTATION**, for which Assignor has made or will make application for Letters Patent of the United States;

WHEREAS, SDGI Holdings, Inc., hereinafter referred to as Assignee, a corporation of the State of Delaware having a principal place of business at 300 Delaware Avenue, Suite 508, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, desires to acquire all of the entire right, title, and interest in, to and under said Invention disclosed, described and/or claimed or intended so to be in said application, and in, to and under said application, and in, to and under any and all Letters Patent, United States and foreign, which may be obtained therefor and thereon;

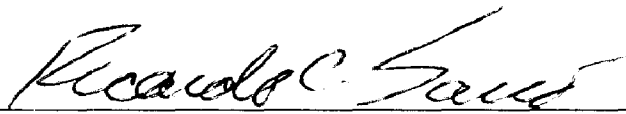
NOW, THEREFORE, To All Whom It May Concern, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good, valuable and sufficient considerations to Assignor in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor has sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents does sell, assign and transfer unto Assignee, all of the entire right, title and interest in, to and under said invention disclosed, described and claimed or intended so to be in said application, and in, to and under said application for United States Letters Patent and any and all other applications thereon and arising therefrom, including any and all divisions, continuations, and continuation-in-part, thereof, and any and all patents to be issued and obtained therefor and thereon, United States and foreign, including all reissues and extensions thereof.

Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the firm of Woodard, Emhardt, Naughton, Moriarty & McNett of Bank One Center/Tower, 111 Monument Circle, Suite 3700, Indianapolis, IN 46204-5137 to insert here in parentheses (U.S. Patent No.

5,643,259, Issued July 1, 1997) the issue date and patent number of said application when officially known, and Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the Honorable Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to Assignee, its assigns and legal representatives.

Assignor agrees to sign and execute any and all other papers necessary or desirable for the procurement of Letters Patent on said Inventions in this and all foreign countries for the use of Assignee.

WITNESS Assignors' hands this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2001.

  
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Ricardo C. Sasso